

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA COUNCIL

Resolution No. 30–20

Re: Rescinding Resolution No. 21-20 and Adopting an Amended 2020 General Election to Conduct Election by Mail-in Balloting

At a duly called meeting of the Pueblo of Laguna Council held on the __5th__ day of ______, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna ("Pueblo") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all the inherent sovereign governing powers; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna Council is the governing body of the Pueblo, with the authority to regulate the conduct of Pueblo Elections, in accordance with the Constitution, Article IV (4), Section 2(p); and

WHEREAS, the Laguna Pueblo Council adopted the Pueblo of Laguna Election Ordinance, as authorized by the Pueblo of Laguna 2012 Constitution, Article VII (7), Section 1;

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna Election Code, Section 3-1-8, provides for a Resolution to include information that shall govern the conduct and scope of the Laguna election for that year;

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the 2020 General Election Resolution No. 21-20 that called for regular polling places; and

WHEREAS, due the pandemic of COVID-19 and recommended public health precautions requiring social distancing and limiting gatherings of persons to five or fewer, it is prudent to conduct the 2020 Election exclusively by mail-in balloting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pueblo Council hereby RESCINDS Resolution No. 21-20 governing the 2020 Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council approves the following Amended Election Resolution, pertaining to the scope and conduct of the 2020 General Election:

GENERAL ELECTION RESOLUTION

- 1. The Pueblo of Laguna Constitution ("Constitution") and the Pueblo of Laguna Election Code ("Election Ordinance"), shall be the authorities for this General Election.
- 2. The Laguna Election Board shall have responsibility to ensure that this Election is

- conducted objectively and fairly.
- 3. Election Day shall be December 21, 2020.
- 4. Due to COVID-19 public health precautions, the election will be by 100% Mail-In Ballot and there shall be none of the usual polling places open for voting.
- 5. In accordance with the Constitution, Article VII (7), Section 7, one (1) Village Representative from each village shall be elected in the customary manner, by each village's membership, for a two (2) year term that will begin January 1, 2021.
- 6. The Pueblo of Laguna Offices of Governor, Staff Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Interpreter shall be open for election.
- 7. Each village shall have the opportunity to ensure that a candidate of its choice, for the offices of Governor, Staff Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Interpreter appears on printed ballots for this election, in accordance with the Pueblo of Laguna Election Code, Section 3-1-9, C.
- 8. Candidates for these positions shall be required to turn in any and all forms by the deadlines set by the Laguna Election Board.
- 9. Subject to village discretion, female members may be permitted to nominate candidates for all offices, except War Captain, as stated in the Pueblo of Laguna Election Code, Section 3-1-16.
- 10. In accordance with the Constitution, Article VIII (8), Section 3, a War Captain, a First Lieutenant of War, and a Second Lieutenant of War shall be elected and installed in the customary manner, as determined by the male membership who are present at the Pueblo of Laguna Installation, which will be held no later than January 6, 2021 as stated in the Pueblo of Laguna Election Code, Section 3-1-5.
- 11. The election of Village Representatives and the War Captain nominations, by the villages, shall be completed no later than December 31, 2020 in accordance with the Constitution, Article VII (7), Section 7.
- 12. A representative from each village shall announce the War Captain nominees at the Installation Ceremony.
- 13. Immediately following the Installation Ceremony, all newly elected officials shall be responsible for the offices to which they were elected.
- 14. The Staff Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Interpreter and Village Representative Screening Forms shall be completed by the deadlines set by the Laguna Election Board.

Governor

Council Member

Council Member

Pueblo Secretary
CERTIFICATION
The foregoing resolution was enacted upon by the Pueblo of Laguna Council on the
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